

In re Application of: :  
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 LAKES et al : Patent Art Unit: 1111  
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 For: BIODEGRADABLE TWO-CYCLE :  
 ENGINE OIL COMPOSITIONS :  
 AND ESTER BASE STOCKS :

'PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 11-12, 14-16, 20, and 30-31 as follows:

11. (Amended) An ester base stock for a two-cycle engine  
 oil composition, consisting essentially of from about 35% to  
 about 70% of trimethylolpropane triisostearate and from about 30%  
 to about 65% of an ester formed by the reaction of  
trimethylolpropane and a mixture of C<sub>5</sub>-C<sub>9</sub> saturated  
 monocarboxylic acids, based on the weight of said ester base  
 stock.

12. (Amended) An ester base stock as claimed in claim 11,  
 consisting essentially of about 55% trimethylolpropane  
 triisostearate and about 45% of an ester formed by the reaction